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II. ASIA-AFRICA

OK Turkey: Turkey remains quiet, with the opposition Republic People's party (RPP) waiting to see how far the government will go in carrying out repressive measures. The RPP considers the next two weeks as most critical, and RPP leader Inonu has given "firm instructions" that there should be no demonstrations or riots until local reactions become clear. The RPP is "particularly worried" about

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possible demonstrations in eastern Turkey as news of the Ankara and Istanbul incidents reaches there. RPP spokesmen have expressed the hope of some unofficial sign of American disapproval of the government's actions. [A top-level RPP spokesman has denied that any feelers have been put out for a meeting between Prime Minister Menderes and Inonu, and both sides seem too far apart at present to make such a meeting useful.]

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III. THE WEST

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NO France-Algeria: [Lucien Neuwirth, staunch Gaullist charged with supervising the 29 May cantonal elections in Algeria, now is "very gloomy" in contrast with his earlier optimism on the Algerian problem. He charges that military and civilian authorities in Algeria are undermining the government's policies and taking an uncooperative and negative attitude toward the elections. He said that recent contacts with the rebels have been broken off and that the FLN seems to have decided on "all-out war." Neuwirth said also that there definitely would be a general protest strike in Algiers on 13 May, including a mass meeting by European settlers in protest against government policy.]

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IV. WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

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On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:]

- NO
- A. [No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate hostilities against the US or its possessions in the immediate future.]
 - B. [No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action against US forces abroad, US allies, or areas peripheral to the orbit in the immediate future.]
 - C. [The following developments are susceptible of direct exploitation by Soviet/Communist hostile action which could jeopardize the security of the US in the immediate future:]

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[None.]

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III. THE WEST

French Election Supervisor Describes Outlook in Algeria As "Very Gloomy"

[UNR party whip Lucien Neuwirth, a staunch Gaullist appointed by Premier Debré to supervise the 29 May cantonal elections in Algeria, reports that the situation there is "very gloomy." Two weeks earlier he had expressed considerable optimism on chances for a settlement.]

[Following his report to De Gaulle on his recent visit to Algeria, Neuwirth told US embassy officials in Paris that military and civilian authorities in Algeria are undermining government policies and taking an uncooperative and negative attitude toward the elections. He was confident there would be "a number" of representative candidates, but he feared that participation of the Moslem electorate would be very low.]

[Paris at one time hoped that these elections would produce Moslem spokesmen who, with representatives chosen in previous elections, would be able to negotiate a settlement. More recently, however, the government has tended to play down the significance of the elections, and the speaker of the assembly is reported to have said it was a mistake to schedule them.]

[Neuwirth told embassy officials also that secret contacts with the Algerian rebels, which he had considered "hopeful," had been broken off five days previously, and that now it appeared that the FLN had decided on "all-out war." He previously said that the cantonal elections might be postponed if "preliminary understanding" could be reached with the FLN.]

[Neuwirth's statements indicated further that discontent among the European settler elements over the government's Algerian policy has not appreciably abated since the January "revolt." He said there will definitely be a protest strike in Algiers on 13 May, including a mass meeting to protest the government's policy.]

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